

To All Local League Secretaries  
All Junior Local League Organisers

10th January 2016

Dear Secretary/Organiser



**English Leagues Cup Competition**

I have pleasure in enclosing the entry forms and information for this season's English Leagues Cup Competition. This competition is the oldest domestic competition run by Table Tennis England with the first competition run in 1935.

Congratulations go to last season's winners of Sheffield (Wilmott Cup), Leeds (J M Rose Bowl), Wembley & Harrow (Carter Cup) and Derby (Bromfield Trophy). The finals, which were held at Westfield Table Tennis Club, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire saw some excellent table tennis with many close matches. To celebrate 80 years of the tournament competitors were presented with a commemorative mug and souvenir programme. Westfield TTC are again hosting the finals and we look forward to our return there this season on Saturday 11th June 2016 for the Senior events and Sunday 12th June 2016 for the Junior events.

A reminder that Local Leagues can enter as many teams as they wish in each event. The closing date for all competitions is Monday 29th February 2016 with the draw taking place on Monday 7th March 2016. The Wilmott Cup and JM Rose Bowl zonal matches are to be played on Saturday 23rd April 2016 and the Carter Cup and Bromfield Trophy zonal matches are to take place on Sunday 17th April 2016. All entrants will be notified of details of the zonal matches, including venue, as soon as possible after the closing date.

Please note that plastic balls will be used for the zonal rounds and the finals.

A reminder that expenses for the zonal rounds are pooled (venue costs, travel for one car for each away team at Table Tennis England rate, administrative costs) and settlement must be made on the day. This has caused some difficulties recently I would impress that it is a requirement of the competition to ensure that all teams have sufficient means to meet their share of the costs on the day.

Further details are on the Information and Summary of Rules Sheet and Appendix F (enclosed) or can be accessed via the Table Tennis England website. Go to Competitions then English Leagues Cup Competition. An historical record of all previous winners, where known, are also on the website. If anyone has details of the missing teams and players and/or any photographs of finalists to help complete the records they would be much appreciated.

We hope you will be able to support the competition this season and take part in the only National Inter League tournament.

Yours sincerely

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**ENGLISH LEAGUES CUP COMPETITION**  
**Information and Summary of Rules – For Season 2015/16**



Competition	Wilmott Cup	J M Rose Bowl	Carter Cup	Bromfield Trophy
Gender	Male	Female	Male	Female
Age Category	Senior	Senior	Junior	Junior
Entry Fees	£40.50	£40.50	£26.50	£26.50

<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All players must be a Player Member of Table Tennis England.</li> <li>Each Local League is eligible to enter one or more teams in each competition.</li> <li>Players must have played at least 4 matches in the league represented in the competition during the season in which the competition started and/or the immediately preceding season.</li> <li>A player cannot play for more than one team in each category.</li> <li>A junior player having represented a League in Event 3 or 4 shall be eligible to represent another League in Event 1 or 2 provided they meet the necessary criteria above.</li> <li>A Player Licence is not required.</li> </ul>
<b>Structure</b>	8 zones with teams allocated a zone on a geographical basis. Zones may be amalgamated (see Appendix F). Zonal matches and finals to be played in groups or as a knockout at the discretion of the Committee.
<b>Teams</b>	Minimum of 2 players, maximum of 4 players per team. Two players play two singles each and up to two different players may play doubles.
<b>Playing Format</b>	A v X, B v Y, Doubles, A v Y, B v X. 5 matches in total. All matches to be played.
<b>Venues</b>	<b>Zonal venues</b> to be fixed by the Committee. <b>Finals</b> to be held at Westfield Table Tennis Club, c/o Weavers Leisure Centre, Weavers Road, Wellingborough, Northants, NN8 3JQ
<b>Dates</b>	<b>Closing Date:</b> All competitions – Monday 29th February 2016, 5pm. <b>Draw:</b> All competitions – Monday 7th March 2016, 5pm. <b>Zonal Matches:</b> Wilmott Cup/J M Rose Bowl – Saturday 23rd April 2016. Carter Cup/Bromfield Trophy – Sunday 17th April 2016. <b>Finals:</b> Wilmott Cup/J M Rose Bowl – Saturday 11th June 2016. Carter Cup/Bromfield Trophy – Sunday, 12th June 2016.
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Zonal Rounds</b> – Pooled (venue, travel, administrative), settlement must be finalised on the day. <b>Finals:</b> Teams meet own costs.
<b>Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All matches to be played under ETTA Ltd Rules.</li> <li>Zonal Referee/co-ordinators to be appointed by the Committee.</li> <li>Teams to provide umpires for zonal matches.</li> <li>Overall Referee and Finals Referee: Diane Webb (TR)</li> <li>Tournament Organiser: Richard Hudson (TO2)</li> </ul>
<b>Contact</b>	<b>Competition Organiser:</b> Diane Webb (TO2). Tel: 01424 216342. Email: <a href="mailto:DianeK1414@hotmail.co.uk">DianeK1414@hotmail.co.uk</a> 12 Salvington Crescent, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex TN39 3NP.
<b>Website</b>	For more information go to <b>Table Tennis England, Competitions, English Leagues Cup Competition</b>

**F ENGLISH LEAGUES CUP COMPETITIONS REGULATIONS 2014/15**

Event A	WILMOTT CUP (Men)	Event C	CARTER CUP (Boys)
Event B	J M ROSE BOWL (Women)	Event D	BROMFIELD TROPHY (Girls)

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**1 ALTERATIONS TO REGULATIONS**

- 1.1 Alterations to these Regulations shall take effect from the date of issue of Entry Forms for the next succeeding competition.

**2 TROPHIES**

- 2.1 The winners of each competition shall be the holders, until the final round of the competition in the following season, of the following trophies:
- Event A Men - The cup presented by the late A J Wilmott\*
  - Event B Women - The J M Rose Bowl presented by the late J M Rose
  - Event C Junior Boys - The J Carter Cup
  - Event D Junior Girls - The L M Bromfield Trophy

*\*Note: The original Wilmott Cup was lost in the bombing of the ETTA Office in 1940 and the Cup now used is a substitute.*

**3 MANAGEMENT OF COMPETITIONS**

- 3.1 The competitions shall be managed by a committee (referred to in these regulations as "the Committee") approved by the Board.
- 3.2 The Committee will designate one of its number as the Organiser, to be responsible for the administration of the competition; the Organiser must hold at least the Tournament Organiser Level 2 qualification.
- 3.3 On all matters arising from these Regulations and relating to these competitions, a decision of the Committee made in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations shall be final.
- 3.4 Unless there are at least 16 teams for an event the Committee may, at its discretion, decide not to run that event.

**4 ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER**

- 4.1 Entries may be submitted only by Local Leagues.
- 4.2 Each Local League shall be eligible to enter one or more teams in each Competition.

**5 TEAM COMPOSITION**

- 5.1 In each match a team shall consist of up to four players. Two players shall play two singles each and up to two different players may play the doubles.

**6 PLAYERS' ELIGIBILITY**

- 6.1 Each player must have played in at least four matches in the League Competition of the League represented during the season in which the competition started and/or the immediately preceding season.
- 6.2 All players must be affiliated as Player Members but need not hold a Player Licence.
- 6.3 A junior player having represented a League in Event C or D shall be eligible to represent another League in Event A or B providing they meet regulation 6.1.
- 6.4 A player cannot play for more than one team within each category - ie, a player who plays in Team A cannot then play in Team B in either the zonal rounds or the finals.
- 6.5 Any match played by an ineligible player shall be awarded to the opposing player 3-0.

**7 ENTRY FORMS & FEES**

- 7.1 Entry Forms will be distributed to Secretaries of Local Leagues.
- 7.2 The entry fee for each competition shall be stated on the Entry Form.

7.3 Properly completed Entry Forms, together with the appropriate entry fees, must be received by the Organiser by the closing date specified on the Entry Form and must be signed by an authorised person on behalf of the League.

7.4 A £5.00 penalty fee will be charged for late payment.

## **8 ZONAL GROUPS**

8.1 There will be 8 zones and teams will be allocated to a zone on a geographical basis; zones may be amalgamated at the discretion of the Committee.

8.2 One round only will be played on a zonal basis. This round will be in groups or held as a knock-out round dependent upon number of entries for each zone and at the discretion of the Committee.

8.3 If the competition is held in 8 zones, the winner of each zone will progress to the final; if zones are amalgamated the number of teams eligible in each zone for the finals in will vary according to the number of zones - eg, if there are 4 zones the top 2 teams in each will go through to the finals.

8.4 If a zonal winner withdraws before the date of the finals draw, its place in the finals may be taken by the runner-up in that zone, at the discretion of the Committee.

8.5 The Committee will appoint a referee or local coordinator for each zone.

8.6 Teams will provide umpires for each match.

## **9 DATES FOR ZONAL ROUNDS**

9.1 The dates of the Zonal Rounds and Finals shall be published in the ETTA Calendar and shall also be notified to all Local League Secretaries with the Entry Forms.

9.2 All matches shall be played on a Saturday or Sunday. Zonal groups shall normally start at 1000 but the start time may be varied by agreement of all teams and the Organiser.

## **10 DRAW**

10.1 The draw will be made by persons nominated by the Committee.

## **11 ZONAL GROUP PLAY**

11.1 Zonal venues shall be fixed by the Committee and the teams shall be designated as Teams A, B, C, D etc.

## **12 EXPENSES FOR ZONAL GROUP PLAY**

12.1 In all zonal rounds the expenses incurred by the Committee and the travelling expenses of all teams shall be pooled and shared equally amongst all the teams in the group. Settlement shall be made on the day.

12.2 Any team withdrawing at very short notice or failing to attend the venue without prior notice shall be liable for their share of the venue and administrative costs to the Committee.

## **13 FINALS - DATE, VENUE & FORMAT**

13.1 The finals of each competition shall be played on dates and at venues to be specified.

13.2 All teams participating in the finals shall be responsible for meeting all their own expenses.

13.3 The finals may be played in groups or as knock-out rounds at the discretion of the Committee.

## **14 REPORTING RESULTS**

14.1 It is the responsibility of the referee or local coordinator at each event to return copies of the score sheets, signed by a representative of each team, posted or conveyed to the Organiser within 48 hours.

14.2 The results of all matches in each round shall be sent to all Leagues taking part in that round with the draw for the finals.

## **15 APPLICABILITY OF ETTA & ITTF REGULATIONS**

15.1 There shall apply to the matches governed by these Regulations the Regulations for Competitive Table Tennis and, insofar as they are not inconsistent with these Regulations and do not themselves limit their applicability to competitions other than this, the current ITTF Regulations for International Competitions 3.2.1-3.2.5 inclusive and 3.5.2, covering Clothing, Equipment and Playing Conditions, Jurisdiction of Officials, Match Conduct and Discipline.

## **16 GROUP ORDER**

16.1 The final order in a group shall be determined in accordance with ITTF Regulation 3.7.5 for group competitions.

## **17 MATCH FORMAT**

17.1 Each team match shall consist of five individual matches, each of which shall be the best of five games.

- 17.2 The order of play shall be A v X, B v Y, doubles, A v Y, B v X.
- 17.3 Before each team match the two captains shall decide by lot the right to be A, B, or X, Y and each captain shall then name his team to the referee or local coordinator, allotting a letter to each of his players, not necessarily in order of strength. The captain shall also name the two doubles players to the referee if different.
- 17.4 The first matches in the group must begin at the stipulated time as laid down in regulation 9.2.
- 17.5 Any player not present when called upon by the referee or local coordinator to play shall forfeit the match for which he is called.
- 17.6 A player who, owing to the operation of regulation 17.2. is required to play two consecutive individual matches shall be entitled to claim a 5 minute rest period.
- 17.7 All matches are to be played.
- 18 RANKING POINTS**
- 18.1 Ranking points will apply for all singles matches, with a weighting of 1X for matches in zonal rounds and 1.5X for matches in the finals weekend.



**ENGLISH LEAGUES CUP COMPETITIONS – SEASON 2015/16**  
**ENTRY FORM (Please write in BLOCK CAPITALS)**

LOCAL LEAGUE REPRESENTED

Competition	Fee inc. Ranking Levy	Number of Teams	Amount Enclosed	Competition	Fee inc. Ranking Levy	Number of Teams	Amount Enclosed
Wilmott Cup	40.50		£	Carter Cup	26.50		£
J M Rose Bowl	40.50		£	Bromfield Trophy	26.50		£
				<b>TOTAL</b>			£

Cheques/POs should be crossed and made payable to "Table Tennis England".  
 We agree to abide by the Regulations of the competition(s) as contained in Appendix "F" to Table Tennis England Rules.

Have you a venue available for matches? YES/NO      Maximum number of tables .....

For and on behalf of:

Name

League Official

Signed

Date

Below, give name, address and contact details of the Official(s) to whom all correspondence should be addressed for each competition entered.

<p>Wilmott Cup (Senior Men)</p>  <p>Post Code</p> <p>E-mail</p> <p>Tel (H)</p> <p>Tel (W)</p> <p>Mobile</p>	<p>Carter Cup (Junior Boys)</p>  <p>Post Code</p> <p>E-mail</p> <p>Tel (H)</p> <p>Tel (W)</p> <p>Mobile</p>
<p>J M Rose Bowl (Senior Women)</p>  <p>Post Code</p> <p>E-mail</p> <p>Tel (H)</p> <p>Tel (W)</p> <p>Mobile</p>	<p>Bromfield Trophy (Junior Girls)</p>  <p>Post Code</p> <p>E-mail</p> <p>Tel (H)</p> <p>Tel (W)</p> <p>Mobile</p>

Entries with appropriate fees to: Diane Webb, ELCC Administrator, 12 Salvington Crescent, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex, TN39 3NP.

Closing date for Wilmott Cup/J M Rose Bowl – Monday 29th February 2016. Matches to be played – Saturday 23rd April 2016.  
 Closing date for Carter Cup/Bromfield Trophy – Monday 29th February 2016. Matches to be played – Sunday 17th April 2016.

**NOTE: Finals will be held on: Wilmott Cup and J M Rose Bowl - Saturday, 11th June 2016.**  
**Carter Cup and Bromfield Trophy - Sunday, 12th June 2016.**

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